## 107TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. CON. RES. 236

Expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the "National Wash America Campaign".

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 24, 2001

Mr. Tom Davis of Virginia submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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- Whereas on September 11, 2001, the United States was victim to the worst terrorist attack on American soil, as hijacked aircraft were deliberately crashed into the World Trade Center in New York, New York, and the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C.;
- Whereas the tragic events of September 11, 2001, have inflicted enormous emotional pain on Americans of all ages;
- Whereas young Americans, who are generally unable to donate blood, help with rescue efforts, or make financial contributions, are nevertheless sharing in the Nation's pain and are especially in need of a way to make a difference and help their country;

- Whereas 4 young sisters, Ashley, Aubrey, Alyssa and Alana Welch, from Annandale, Virginia, whose father serves in the military and narrowly avoided the Pentagon disaster, resolved that they could make a difference by holding local car washes to raise funds for the American Red Cross and to "help wash away the hurt";
- Whereas within 48 hours the young girls had involved hundreds of others and raised more than \$10,000, all in one Northern Virginia community;
- Whereas there are more than 100,000 schools across the United States, whose teachers, students, and parents are searching for ways to unite and help rebuild the Nation as the Welch sisters have done in their home town;
- Whereas a National Wash America Campaign has been created with its own Internet site, www.WashAmerica.org, to help other communities launch similar efforts on the weekends of September 22 and 23, September 29 and 30, and October 6 and 7, 2001; and
- Whereas the American Red Cross is designating an account to receive all Wash America funds, giving the children of this campaign the opportunity to participate in one of its largest fund-raising drives ever: Now, therefore, be it
  - 1 Resolved, That the Congress salutes the young Ameri-
  - 2 cans who take part in Wash America events in their com-
  - 3 munities to help raise funds for the American Red Cross
- 4 relief efforts in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the
- 5 United States on September 11, 2001, and thanks them

- 1 for doing their part to "Help Wash Away the Hurt" across
- 2 the Nation.

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